

Results of MCAC Voting – July 21st, 2016

Rank	Topic	Description of Issue
1	Full Medicaid Adult Expansion	Recommendation to expand coverage beyond the targeted groups in HB437 of the 2016 General Session and provide full Medicaid expansion.
2	Adult Dental Coverage	Lack of coverage can allow issues that could be resolved with preventative care treatment to escalate in severity. In addition, treatment for dental issues may assist job seekers.
3	Coverage for Adult Preventative Medicine Exams	This request would open coverage for adult preventative medicine exams in the Traditional and Non-Traditional Utah Medicaid programs. Currently, this code is closed for most adults (with the exception of PCN, individuals with disabilities age 18-20, and pregnant women). Costs for opening these codes will be offset to some extent by reduced billings of other codes.
4	Adult Vision Coverage	Request to re-instate vision benefits for Adults on Medicaid. Currently there is no coverage for frames/lenses, only for eye exams.
5	12-Month Continuous Eligibility for Children	HB437 requested the state to look at the costs of 12-month continuous eligibility. 12-month continuous eligibility for children provides families with the stability they need when pursuing employment or higher paying employment opportunities.
6	Well-child Developmental and Behavioral Health Screenings	Recommendation to expand quality measures to include measures that would monitor for developmental/behavioral health screenings and maternal depression screenings.
7	Elimination of 5-year Bar for Legal Immigrants (Pregnant Women) to Receive Medicaid	Currently, most resident aliens legally residing in Utah are subject to a 5-year period in which they are not eligible to receive Medicaid services. The State has the option to reduce or remove this requirement.
8	Home Health Services	Proposal to increase home health service rates by 8-10% as rates have not been adjusted in over 10 years and have not kept up with inflation or additional costs associated with providing home health care in the state.
8	County Mental Health Match Rate	Recommending the counties' request for the match rate (\$6.4M previously, required amount may actually be \$8-10M) for the Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.
10	Adult Day Health Services	Considering increasing the rate from \$39.18/day to \$55.00/day to assist with rising costs in adult day health services.
11	Coverage Gap Study	State should re-examine the remaining individuals in the coverage gap to find the number of individuals in each segment and potential expense to aid in future decision making.
12	ICF/ID Direct Care Staff Wage Increase	To align with wages received by direct care staff through DSPD, this request is to receive funding for the purpose of increasing direct care staff wages for those employed at Intermediate Care Facilities. Increased costs and pressure from community providers have created demands on staffing.

13	Assisted Living Rates (New Choices Waiver Program)	Increase rates while creating 3 tiers for payments based on Type I, Type II and Memory Care facilities. (Type I: Increase daily reimbursement from \$69.75 to \$80.50, Type II: Increase from \$82.60/day to \$90.00/day; Memory Care: Increase from \$82.60 to \$100.00/day.)
14	Outreach and Enrollment Funding	While funding was received during the 2016 session, this request is for additional funding to target children, especially Hispanic children in Utah in order to help families identify the resources they already qualify for.
15	Third Year of Funding Increases for DSPD Providers	In the past two sessions, DSPD has received approximately \$5M per year in order to increase direct care worker wages. Request is for the third installment of this three year proposal.
16	Financial Management Services	Increase reimbursement by \$15/month (Currently \$48/mo.) in order to help assist with cost increases in supporting individuals who are self-directing their waiver services.
17	Family Planning Waiver	Request to adopt a program that will cover: testing; treatment; counseling; well-woman exams; breast and cervical cancer screenings; sex education and counseling; access to contraceptives; etc.
17	Moratorium on the ACA Health Plan Tax	Due to a moratorium on the ACA Health Plan Tax, a one-time funding surplus of 3.26M dollars has been budgeted. Proposal is to use this funding to allow for the annual inflationary increase to align with the state fiscal year budget instead of a calendar year.
19	Transportation Costs for Individuals in Home and Community Based Waivers	The Settings Transition rule requires a great emphasis on community integration and participation. A significant barrier to inclusion is the availability of non-medical transportation in order to facilitate community engagement.
20	Cost Estimates Identifying Reimbursable Services for Community Health Workers	Recommend analysis to review whether Community Health Workers may be eligible for reimbursement for additional services and what state costs would be to fund those services.